

ELLINGHAM AND RINGWOOD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2025

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Reference and Administration

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2025

Charity Name and Number

Ellingham & Ringwood Agricultural Society

Registered Charity Number 1033756

Correspondence Address

26a Struan Gardens, Ringwod. BH242EQ

Trustees

Mr Stephen Thompson
Mr Christopher Snow
Mrs Pauline Hibbert
Mrs Dawn Spencer
Mr Paul Hammond
Mr Tom Hasted
Mrs Elizabeth Green
Mrs Samantha Packham
Mrs Sue Peter

Professional Advisors

Bankers:

Natwest 11 High Street, Ringwood, Hampshire BH24 1BA
CCLA Investment Management Limited 80 Cheapside, London EC2V 6DZ
Virgin Money, Jubilee House, Gosforth, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 4PL

Independent Examiner:

J.P.Carter ACA 35 Vallis Way, Ealing, London W13 0DD

ELLINGHAM AND RINGWOOD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**Trustees Annual Report****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2025****Status**

Ellingham and Ringwood Agricultural Society is an unincorporated association and is governed by a constitution. The original Constitution has been amended in January 1994, January 1998 and most recently in March 2023, when the position of Health and Safety Officer was added to the Trustees. The number of Trustees now stands at 9.

The association consists of members who subscribe annually to the association. The management is vested in a board of Trustees, all members of which are appointed or re-appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Association are:

To promote agriculture and to such end to generally improve it in all its branches and to encourage skill and industry in it and in all trades, crafts and professions connected with it.

To hold in pursuance of its main object an annual agricultural show provided that the society shall not be obliged to hold a show in any year in relation to which the committee of the society shall resolve that the holding of such show is impracticable

To apply the income for charitable purposes or for such charitable organisations or institutions to be determined by the committee.

This is achieved through the collection of subscriptions from the charity's members, and income raised from holding an annual agricultural show.

Future Strategy

The Charity plans to continue the activities as outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

Reserves Policy

As explained in the risk management section of this report the largest financial risk is the impact of bad weather or the outbreak of a contagious livestock disease as this could lead to the cancellation of a show or the requirement to relocate the show ground.

The costs of operating the show have increased significantly over recent years and with continuing pressure on public sector services such as Police, Ambulance and Highways combined with the increasing burden of regulations these costs are expected to rise well ahead of inflation.

Consequently the reserves policy has been set at a level that is sufficient to meet the costs arising from cancellation of a show due to unforeseen circumstances, the additional costs required to fund the launch of the subsequent years show and, if necessary, the costs of relocating the show ground.

At the balance sheet date, the association held reserves of £180,369 (2024 - £172,160) all of which is in unrestricted funds.

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Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems and controls to manage and monitor these are in place.

As with any outside agricultural event the primary risk is the financial impact of bad weather or the outbreak of a contagious livestock disease as it may impact on show attendance or, in extreme circumstances, result in the cancellation of a show. The costs of insuring are prohibitive therefore the Trustees maintain a level of reserves sufficient to cover the costs of an abortive show and enable funds to be available to finance a subsequent show or, if necessary, relocation of the show ground.

Another major risk is health and safety of those participating in or attending the show as well as the volunteers. The Society has detailed plans for emergencies, traffic management and health and safety assessments which are reviewed and updated throughout the year.

As can be seen from the balance sheet the reserves of the charity are held in cash funds. These are spread across several banking institutions so as to minimise and risk and whilst returns are low the Trustees consider the equity and bond markets to be too volatile and, as funds may be required at short notice, lack flexibility.

Contributions from volunteers

The Association is greatly indebted to the volunteers who give their time freely to assist throughout the year and at the annual show. No estimate of the monetary value has been placed on this work in these accounts.

Review of Activities and Financial Performance

In 2025 the show was held in the grounds of The Somerley Estate on the 9th August 2025. As with any outdoor show the weather plays a significant part in ensuring spectator attendance levels being achieved. On the day we had good weather, this being reflected in a good turnout and represented in the gate takings on the day.

The total income for the year from the society was £180,911 (2024- £173,130), made up from Gate entries membership, Sponsorship, Trade Stands, Entry fees and any donations.

Trustees

The Trustees set out below have held office, unless otherwise stated, for the whole of the period from 1st November 2024 to 31st October 2025

Mr Stephen Thompson
Mr Christopher Snow
Mrs Elizabeth Davis (Resigned 17.3.25)
Mrs Alison Vandeveld (Resigned 31.1.25)
Mr Paul Hammond
Mr Tom Hasted
Mrs Elizabeth Green
Mrs Samantha Packham
Mrs Pauline Hibbert (appointed 17.3.25)
Mrs Dawn Spencer (appointed 17.3.25)
Mrs Sue Peter (appointed 17.3.25)

The Trustees do not make any charge for their services.

Independent Examiner

The Trustees intend to reappoint Mr J Carter as the independent examiner for the following year.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on and signed on their behalf by

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T.Hasted
Trustee

.....
P Hibbert
Trustee

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Independent Examiners Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2025

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st October 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and examiner.

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me a reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J P Carter A.C.A
35 Vallis Way
Ealing
London

	2025 £	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Charities Official Investment Fund Deposit Account	70,000	70,000
Cash at Bank	110,179	101,970
Cash in hand	190	190
	<u>180,369</u>	<u>172,160</u>

Represented by :

Unrestricted Reserves

Balance at 1st Nov.2025	172,160	176,036
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Financial Year	8,209	- 3,876
	<u>180,369</u>	<u>172,160</u>

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Receipts and Payments Account
As at 31st October 2025

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SHOW	2025	2024	
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Gate Receipts	108,407	102,417	
Programme - Sales		850	
Programme Advertising and Sponsorship	16,720	16,475	
Trade Stands	27,251	24,910	
Craft Tent	3,519	4,301	
Horticulture	51	190	
Entry Fees	6,958	7,420	
Other Income (Donations)		296	
Total Receipts	<u>162,906</u>	<u>156,859</u>	
Expenditure			
Subscriptions	232	523	
Web site & Advertising	3,670	7,405	
Printing & Stationary	3,328	2,471	
Jumps and Hurdles	500	765	
Judges	2,529	2,385	
Prizes and Rosettes	4,998	6,930	
Tents, Chairs and Tables	28,540	27,813	
Refreshments	5,986	6,253	
Committee Expenses	939	1,369	
Attractions	9,950	8,930	
Insurance	6,496	6,474	
Signs	2,083	3,378	
Rent of showground	23,145	22,087	
Grounds Maintenance & Security	25,912	24,503	
Toilets and Hand wash facilities	7,340	6,870	
First Aid	2,795	2,551	
Public Address and Power Supplies	19,374	17,723	
Donations to Volunteer Organisations (Page 8)	8,424	11,045	
Other Expenses	2,411	2,629	
	<u>158,652</u>	<u>162,104</u>	
Surplus from Show		4,254	- 5,245
MEMBERSHIP			
Income			
Subscriptions	14,100	12,238	
Interest	3,905	3,996	
	<u>18,005</u>	<u>16,234</u>	
Expenditure			
Secretarial Expenses	113	1,362	
Subscription refunds		120	
Insurance	382	383	
	<u>495</u>	<u>1,865</u>	
Surplus from Membership		17,510	14,369
		<u>21,764</u>	<u>9,124</u>
Charitable Donations (Detailed on Page 8)	- 13,555	-	13,000
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year		<u>8,209</u>	<u>- 3,876</u>

Charitable Giving

As at 31st October 2025

period from 1st November 2024 to 31st October 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Charitable Donations		
Bursary	2,560	3,000
RACE	500	
Avon Valley Young Farmers	500	
Counselling together	500	
Forest Home		1,000
Hope Helping Older People New Forest	1,000	1,000
Bickerley Green Care Home	1,000	
Making Memories	1,000	
MacMillan Caring Locally	1,000	1,500
Elsies Rose		500
Trinity Links	500	
Hampshire Fire Cadets	1,000	
Friends of Ellingham	295	
New Forest driving for disabled		1,000
Salisbury Hospice Charity		1,000
Sturts Community Trust		500
Wildlife Trust	500	
Wessex food bank		1,000
Starf	1,000	1,000
Children against cancer		500
HIOWAA		1,000
Wessex Flood	1,000	
Green Cottage RDA	200	
Sarah Kinsley	1,000	
	<u>13,555</u>	<u>13,000</u>
Note only		
Volunteer Associations on Show Day		
1st Poulner Scouts		500
3rd Ringwood Scouts	700	500
Fordingbridge Rotary		350
Avon Valley Young Farmers		500
Ferndown Rotary	500	500
HFRS Ringwood Fire Cadets		250
Ringwood Rotary	5,324	5,145
East Dorset Dockers		700
1st Wessex Scouts		500
Ringwood Carnival	700	500
Brock YF	500	500
Burley Scouts	700	500
2 young Helpers		600
	<u>8,424</u>	<u>11,045</u>
Total Charitable Giving	<u>21,979</u>	<u>24,045</u>

ELLINGHAM AND RINGWOOD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**Accounting Policies****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2025****1. Accounting Policies****1.1. Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

1.2. Income

Voluntary income is received by way of subscriptions, donations, gifts and fundraising events and is recognised in the receipts and payments account in the year of receipt.

Investment income is recognised in the year of receipt.

Significant debtors at the year end are shown on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

1.3. Expenditure

Expenses are included in the accounts in the year paid. Irrecoverable VAT is included.

Significant liabilities at the year end are shown on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

1.4. Taxation

Ellingham and Ringwood Agricultural Society is a registered charity and the results of its normal activities are not liable to Corporation Tax. The society is not registered for VAT.

1.5. Fund Accounting

The charity funds are unrestricted and they are freely available for expenditure or appropriation to reserves for internally designated purposes.

2. Trustees' Expenses

Purchases made on behalf of the charity were reimbursed during the year to the committee members.

3. Related Party Transactions

None